



Audiologist Cindy Compton discusses assistive devices with hard of hearing Elderhostel participants attending the "Advanced Alumni Hearing Loss in Later Years" program.

Elderhostel programs under way

For some Elderhostel participants, Gallaudet is a special stop at one of several programs they will be attending around the country. For hard of hearing seniors, it's an opportunity to learn about hearing loss or to renew old friendships developed at previous programs here. For deaf participants, the programs provide an exposure to deaf history, information about consumer advocacy, and just plain fun in the nation's capital.

Since 1981, Gallaudet has offered Elderhostel programs, along with about 700 other educational institutions throughout the nation. Participants, who are age 60 or over, live on campus for a week, attend classes and lectures, go sightseeing, and attend cultural events.

"In general, Elderhostelers are a highly motivated, fit, active, and intellectually vital group," said Carol Cober, coordinator of the Special Populations Program in the National Academy, which is responsible for the program at Gallaudet. "We keep them real busy."

This year, Gallaudet is offering more Elderhostels than ever before—seven week-long sessions individually tailored for deaf, hard of hearing, and general groups.

The programs, which began May 29 and continue through July 2, include two sessions for deaf senior citizens who know sign language, focusing on either deaf history and the nation's capital, or on space, consumerism, and criminal justice. Two separate Elderhostels on "Hearing Loss in Later Years" are available for hard of hearing people and their spouses, and an advanced program for hard of hearing people who have attended a previous Elderhostel at Gallaudet is being offered for the first time this year. Participants who have no hearing loss can also attend two programs here: one on music, sign, and Washington, D.C. culture, and another on aspects of communica-

tion for participants who are interested in learning to communicate with hearing impaired people.

Almost 200 people are attending the Elderhostel sessions, and many more are on waiting lists, said Cober.

Historically, Elderhostel has focused on the vital aspects of aging, and there was some initial concern in the Elderhostel organization when Gallaudet began offering programs related to hearing loss. "But there are problems that need to be transcended," Cober explained. "We're trying to do that and still have fun."

Gallaudet now receives calls from other Elderhostels who want to make their programs accessible to hearing impaired people. Last year, Gallaudet helped make Elderhostels offered in Maryland accessible through the use of assistive listening devices and this year is sponsoring some accessible Elderhostels in Massachusetts.

Gallaudet's programs for hard of hearing Elderhostelers focus on communication strategies and explore psychological aspects of hearing loss. At the advanced alumni Elderhostel, participants were able to get greater exposure to a variety of assistive listening devices and receive individual consultations.

"It was also like a reunion," said Cober. "Many attended their first session together at Gallaudet."

Lisa Smeallie, who recently received her master's degree in audiology, is coordinating the Elderhostel programs, and Kathy Jankowski, a Gallaudet graduate who is now pursuing her doctoral degree, is in charge of the two week-long Elderhostels for deaf participants. Gallaudet students have been hired as staff members and program assistants, and numerous faculty and staff from the Audiology Department and other areas are giving lectures and assisting with the programs.

Gallaudet hosts TV-phone seminar

"It's probably easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it will be to produce a video-telephone."

This variation on the biblical adage as applied to the technical challenges of producing the deaf community's long awaited "TV-phone" was expressed by Dr. Richard Foulds, director of applied science and engineering for the Alfred I. du Pont Research Institute, at a seminar at Gallaudet May 27.

But the challenge is not insurmountable, Foulds said, and with sufficient research and development, a device could be produced within two years—at a cost of about \$5,000 per unit—that would allow two partners in conversation to view each other so they can communicate in sign language or lipreading. The system would also make it possible for a sign language interpreter to interpret via video-telephone from another location.

"There has been progress toward making available to deaf people the same natural communication that hearing people have," Foulds said.

The two-day symposium, which enabled scientists to share their research on video telephones, was sponsored by Gallaudet's Technology Assessment Program (TAP).

"Deaf and hard of hearing people tell us time and again that they want to have a TV-phone, but there is little research going on to help make that dream a reality," said Judy Harkins, TAP director.

The primary technical obstacle facing communications experts is that the current telephone lines cannot handle the extremely high data transmission rate required for the system, according to seminar leaders.

Presently, some Japanese communications technology firms are offering "still-image" video-phones for less than \$1,000, but they are impractical for deaf people because it takes one to four minutes to transmit a single image. But Foulds said that by reducing the amount of data that has to be transmitted per second, the limitation can be overcome in the future. One way to do this is by removing superfluous information from the picture.

Foulds showed videotapes of cartoon-like sign language, which is what signing looks like when the transmission rate requirements are reduced. The animated images could be made much clearer as image processing equipment is refined, he said.

Other participants in the symposium, which was funded by the National Institute on Disability and Research, were Dr. Don Pearson, University of Essex, Colchester, England; Dr. George Sperling, New York University; Dr. Morton Nadler, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Dr. Vicki Tartter, Rutgers University, Camden, N.J.; Drs. Harry Levitt and Jayashree Torasker, City University of New York; and Jan-Ingvar Lindstrom of Handikappinstitutet, Stockholm, Sweden.



Early attempts at video-telephone have succeeded in producing cartoon-like images.



Kendall students and hearing impaired senior citizens from Shiloh Baptist Church practice for performances held recently at Gallaudet and in the nearby community. The work was coordinated by Pauline Fisher through a D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities grant.



Ingrid Miller (center), an accounts receivable clerk with the Accounting Department, was honored recently at a reception recognizing her 10 years of employment at Gallaudet.

Family Life Lecture Series begins

A series of lectures and panel discussions on topics concerning the unique aspects of deafness in families will be presented this summer by Gallaudet's National Academy in the College for Continuing Education.

The "Family Life Lecture Series," which will be held in Ely Auditorium on Mondays from 4-5 p.m., is designed for deaf and hearing parents, adolescents, youngsters, students, and professionals who are interested in the impact of deafness on families.

Starting the series will be "The Bi-Cultural, Bi-Lingual Family Experience" on June 20, with speaker Thomas Bull, an instructor in the Primary Department of KDES. A panel of hearing adults with deaf parents will talk about what it means to grow up as a hearing person in a deaf culture.

On June 27, Donald Ammons, an assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and special assistant to the chairman of the World Games for the Deaf, will present "The Making of a Deaf Athlete: Increasing Family Awareness of Sports and Recreational Program Options for Deaf Youth." The presentation will provide an overview of sports and recreational programs developed for deaf youth as well as show how athletic programs designed for hearing children can be

adapted to meet the needs of deaf children.

"When Families Need Help," slated for July 11, will focus on therapy issues and related topics for families with deaf members. The speaker for the presentation will be Rudy Gawlik, a family therapist with the Institute on Deafness Family Service Foundation, Inc. in Lanham, Md.

On July 18, "Families as Lifelong Learning Centers," dealing with the parents of deaf children becoming learners as well as teachers, will be presented by Dr. Howard Busby, National Academy director.

"Sharing Deaf Culture with Hearing Parents of Deaf Children" will be the topic of the July 25 presentation by Dr. Barbara Kannapell, a deaf culture consultant. Kannapell will provide a framework for viewing the deaf child within a deaf culture and show the positive impact of deaf culture on deaf children's self-esteem and identity development.

The final topic in the series, "Discovering a Deaf Child Has Usher's Syndrome: Helping Families Adjust," will be presented Aug. 1 by Art Roehrig, coordinator of Gallaudet's Hearing/Vision Impaired Program. The presentation will provide information about the impact of Usher's Syndrome on deaf children and give guidelines to assist families as they search for coping strategies and information.

Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival features deafness-related lectures

The Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival lecture series is now under way.

Sponsored by Programs in Adult and Continuing Education, the series features presentations on a variety of deafness-related issues by Gallaudet faculty and staff.

The lectures, which are free to the public, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through July 21, at 4 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

On June 14, Dwight Benedict, coordinator of Judicial Programs, will speak on "What Are University Students' Rights in Higher Education?"

Agnes Padden, assistant professor of English, will share her perspective on changes at Gallaudet over the years in her June 16 presentation, "Then and Now."

On June 21, Mary Lou Novitsky, producer of "Deaf Mosaic," will talk about "Inside Deaf Mosaic," providing a behind-the-scenes look at the Emmy award-winning television program produced by Gallaudet's Department of Television, Film, and Photography.

Mary Anne Pugin, coordinator of alumni outreach, will discuss "Gallaudet Alumni: Past, Present, and Future" on June 23. "Living in Two Different Worlds" will be the topic of Aloysius Bibum's

presentation on June 28. Bibum, an instructor in the School of Management, will share his perspective on life in Africa and in the United States.

Dr. Curtis Robbins, assistant professor of educational technology, will present "Computer Literacy and the Deaf" on June 30.

"ASL Poetry" will be the topic of a presentation by Clayton Valli, instructor in the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting, on July 5. Valli will perform ASL poems and discuss poetic techniques.

Dr. Ed Corbett, conference manager, will discuss "The Deaf Way" on July 7. The international conference and festival is scheduled for summer 1989.

"Sports Competition Standards Among Deaf Athletes" is the topic of the July 14 lecture by Dr. Ron Sutcliffe, Gallaudet property manager and vice chairman of the U.S. World Games for the Deaf.

On July 19, Jackie Kinner, outreach manager of the Gallaudet Regional Center, will present "The Lure of the Lights: Deaf Performers in Hollywood."

The series will end with "Effective Overhead Projector Presentations," a lecture by Dr. Ronald Nomeland, chairman of the Department of Educational Technology, on July 21.

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FOR RENT: Single-family 2-BR house in Arlington, Va., wired for phone and doorbell flashers, nice yard, great location near Metro. Call Daphne, x5270.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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Among Ourselves

The Northwest Campus Physical Plant staff was honored recently with the School of Preparatory Studies award for outstanding service and cooperation. John Grigsby, supervisor of the Northwest Physical Plant crew, accepted the award at the Awards Day Program held on May 4.

Robert Polite has been appointed utilities manager in the Physical Plant Department. Previously, Polite worked as a building engineer at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and as a chief engineer in the U.S. Coast Guard. He has extensive expertise in preventive and corrective maintenance on all power plant support systems and equipment. Polite holds a D.C. first class steam engineer's license and a Maryland first class stationery engineer's license.

Sy DuBow, legal director of the National Center for Law and the Deaf, spoke on

the "Least Restrictive Environment" at the Ninth National Institute on Legal Programs of Educating the Handicapped held recently in Florida. More than 300 lawyers, school administrators, and special education personnel attended the institute.

DuBow also lectured on "Legal Rights of the Disabled" for Virginia's Continuing Legal Education Program in both Richmond and McLean.

MSSD teachers David Schleper, English, and Marilyn Farmer, social studies, have been awarded a U.S. Department of Education grant to support their research to improve hearing impaired and learning disabled students' reading and writing skills through team-teaching English and social studies. The grant is among the first awarded in the department's Teachers as Researchers competition.